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## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

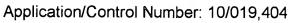
1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: JP 11-65751, Takamura et al (US Patent No. 4,560,844), Fujiyama (US Patent No. 4,977,298), Nishikawa et al (US Patent No. 5,907,375), Takasaka et al (US Patent No. 5,967,898), Klitsner et al (US Patent No. 6,322,449), Ohlwine et al (US Patent No. 6,362,953), and Manser et al (US Patent No. 6,388,660) are made of record for teach of an input device having input keys. Reference JP10-91305 discloses a key input device having a projection member for generating vertical force. However, the prior art of record fails to teach an input device comprising three different panels, namely an input key panel, a press-down panel, a load distribution panel, wherein the input key panel, the press-down panel, and the load distribution panel are layered as recited in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kent Chang whose telephone number is 703-305-4824. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.





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